





of Siam's visit to Europe, promised before his Majesty's departure from Bangkok, differs in some important particulars from what has passed cur-

osting point of difference is the statement that King Chulalongkorn will arrive in London in time for the Diamond Jubilee celebration and not afterwards, as has been asserted. His Majesty is expected back in Siam in September, unless he may be induced to return via the United States. During the King's absence the Government

will be carried on by a Council of Ministers, presided over by the Queen.

**CHAFFERS REPRESSED.**  
HE TRIES TO SAY TO ONE JUDGE UNKIND THINGS ABOUT ANOTHER.

Mr. Alexander Chaffers, the personal litigant, appealed against an order made by a Divisional Court against him under the Venetian Debt Recovery Act of last year. He contended that the Act was most penal, oppressive, and unconstitutional. His various actions were all of an important character, and he was the only person in the kingdom to whom access to a court of justice was refused.—Sir R. Webster said that on Oct. 5 last year Mr. Chaffers took a County Court summons to Westminster.

**AGAINST THE PRINCE OF WALES.**

Mr. J. Evans, and other gentlemen and he himself had also been served with a similar summons. (Laughter.)—The Attorney-general remarked that out of the 48 actions appellant had only won one, and that was 41 paid costs, and that the 7th was a judgment in an affidavit. (Laughter.)—Mr. Chaffers said that his first action was against Lord Escher for telling a daughter lie on the bench.—Lord Justice Lindley: That does not sound hopeful. I am not going to sit here to hear you talk in that way of any judge. You ought to be a little more respectful to Mr. Chaffers: I ought not. I am not in public scandal, and a nation in disgrace.—Lord Justice Lindley: The appeal is dismissed with costs; it is not perfect scandal.

**PRIMROSE LEAGUE.**

It was the fashion early in the eighties to scoff at the Primrose League. The League was designed, so it was said, for the amusement of women desirous of assisting men to get into Parliament. When Lord Salisbury was elected in 1885, the League gave him a magnificent speech on May 13 at the Albert Hall—because County Court Theatre is no longer equal in the matter of accommodation—he will be able to do it and without fear of contradiction, that whereas in 1884 there were only 46 ladies

about the vitality of the Primrose League is that it should have repulsed attacks of its emulators. There was a "Waiy League" of the Radicals. Was it now? There was a "Lib League." No one has heard of it lately. There was the Liberal Federation. It came up periodically with formidable relations, carrying war into the Primrose League camp; but up to the present it has it well been said, all the fight has been done among the Primrose League ranks. Therefore, may May 5 somewhat in the form of an inviolate and unique political body.

**OUR LIBRARIAN.** Mr. Charles M. Heaton, the monumental labour to which he addressed himself when undertaking to decant the "Life and Labour of the People of New England," has been so successful in his mission for the pains he has bestowed on this wonderful work; its accuracy, even in the minute details, is alike unimpaired; and it is obtained by every library in the kingdom, nor should anyone who as ambitions to be a statesman fail to study its treasures for reference. "Casell's Concise Cyclopaedia," by W. Heaton and a constant editor. The present edition now issued, is the second, and is first appeared. Under Love's Rule "The Kin, Marryall, and Co. is the title of a novel from the pen of the author, and is, as with Miss Braddon's workmanship, strong, and in style and characterization. "The Kin, Marryall, and Co." by William R. B. Bax, can only be commended to lovers of laudable literature. Its portions are not compensated for by the work of the hand are "The Business Man's Country Guide" (Emmanuel Wilson), by C. J. Johnson, new edition of "Farm and Garden Insects," illustrated (Macmillan); and "The Germ Dictionary," a tiny book, and

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judge this week which illustrated the smallness of the world in a very Kiplingish way. In the first his lordship was

asked to sanction substituted service of a citation in divorce on one, Berlyn, who "comes of good folk," Mr. Brookman, a prominent lawyer in England, is now reported to be doing well in Johannesburg. "Can't he be served there?" asked his lordship. Counsel didn't know. "I think you had better first inquire," said Justice Jeune. So Mr. Berlyn, of course, was sent back home to wait word from home. In another case Mr. Brookman desired leave to proceed with a suit for divorce without being required to name co-respondent. He was married in 1861 in Calcutta, separated from his wife in 1864, and sued her in London in 1867, when the proceedings failed for lack of proper domicile. He now presented a second suit, and affidavits were put in showing that she had fallen to the level of a camp follower. His lordship sanctioned the substituted service.

**LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.**

At the usual weekly meeting it was agreed to grant a full pay pension to be granted to the men in the Council's employ in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Queen's reign. On the report of the Works Committee a long discussion took place on an amendment, moved by Mr. G. H. Dyer, M.P., to require the Council to furnish to the Council, before the consideration of the report of the special committee, a return of the estimated and actual cost of the works executed by the department up to March 31. Eventually the amendment was carried, and the Council are substituting for March 31 the nearest possible date. On the motion of Col. Ford it was resolved that, in view of the action of Parliament in granting one of the Imperial revenues money in relief of rates in agriculture and in the interest of Local Government and Trade, the Council to report on the subject

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## TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

Can anybody doubt that the real reason for the Greek raid into Turkish territory is that the Greeks want to prove to the Turks that they are not a shabby tribe, and, if it is successful, nobody ought to be taken in by it. How long do you suppose we should remain at peace with France, say, if French volunteers were continually pouring into Ireland, and trying to make the people against us; and who do you think would be the "aggressor" if in such circumstances we retaliated by bombing Belfast? The Turk lives under probably the worst Government in the world, and murder and outrage are his ordinary methods. We may condemn him, but though it is not so very long since the same things were true of European armies—but I don't think anybody can fail to admire the wonderful patience and discipline which the Turkish soldiers have shown in face of the exasperating provocation they receive from the Greeks.

On all sides people are saying that Mr. Chamberlain is weakening in his attitude towards the Transvaal. Five or six weeks ago he had taken up a pretty strong position, and it looked very much as though he would really have to grant the Uitlanders some measure of justice and respect the Convention of London, or brave the anger of this country. Things have a different appearance now, and it is said that the reason is that the military authorities are unable to give Mr. Chamberlain assurance that, in the last resort, the necessary forces would be at his disposal. We spend eighteen millions a year upon our Army. How is it that, except in India, we seem to have no troops but the Guards who can be sent on active service?

Mr. Kruger's offer of the franchise to the Uitlanders is the most liberal and only intended to take in foolish people in this country. The franchise that he offers, or is supposed to be going to offer—for I believe nothing has been done yet—is not worth a farthing, since it does not give the right of electing members to the only assembly which has any power. It bears about the same relation to the real franchise which the Boers have, as a vote for the local vestry does to a vote for the House of Commons. It is, in fact, not worth anything, and cannot be anything but a device to relieve the Uitlanders from the outrageous and abominable oppression under which they live.

The Kaiser's great idea at present is to get the Boers to put themselves under the protection of Holland. One of his pet schemes has always been to bring about a union of the two countries, and the idea that he should be holding any of the little Queen of Holland and her own son, so as eventually to unite Holland and Germany, while the former country would bring in the Transvaal as a sort of appanage. These, of course, are projects not likely to be fulfilled for many years; but in the meantime the Kaiser remains in the Transvaal, which means that German influence is supreme at Pretoria—and the Germans are doing all they can to supply the Boers with arms and men. If Mr. Chamberlain waits much longer, we shall find that we are no longer the paramount Power in South Africa.

A number of good people, for whom I have the greatest respect, seem to be very much troubled at the visit of the Archbishop of York to the Greek Church. The idea that he should be holding any of the Greek Church. It seems to me a terribly narrow view to take, and I cannot for the life of me see what harm can be done to the cause of truth by two or three high-placed and capable clergymen agreeing to talk over with the Archbishop of York, and to discuss the different lights in which they see it. Nearly a hundred millions of Christians acknowledge the authority of the Greek Church, and, for my part, I am ready to welcome anything which, without the sacrifice of truth, will enable us to understand them, and them to understand us. Upon the most religious differences are really misunderstandings at the bottom.

As soon as it was known that the new judge was to be a younger brother of the Home Secretary, of course one expected the usual bits of "Favoritism," "Jobbery," and the like from a certain section of the Radicals. As a matter of fact, Mr. Justice Ridley has been appointed simply and solely because he has given such high proofs of judicial capacity in his work as an official Referee that he could not be passed over. There are plenty of men on the front rank of the Bar of whom one could say that they would probably make good judges. There is hardly one of whom one could say, as his record in dealing with a most difficult and complicated kind of business enables one to do Mr. Justice Ridley, that he cannot fail to be a good judge. Why, then, the country is forbidden to make use of his abilities because he happens to have a brother who has also shown great capacity?

I hate the dog-muzzles as much as a dog-lover of them all—I believe that nine cases out of ten of supposed rabies are ordinary fits—and I very much doubt whether the muzzle of itself does anything whatever to decrease what genuine rabies there is. But I really can't go with those dog-muzzling people who threaten to vote against the Government at the next election because Mr. Walter Long has clapped a wire abomination upon their pets. A man who can hang the tremendous issues of Empire upon a dog-muzzle is little better than a idiot, and is certainly not fit to be trusted with a vote at all.

A correspondent, who writes to me with reference to what I said last week about the destruction of rare birds, suggests that it is chiefly the ignorance and supineness of the local authorities which is at fault, and that the planters of fire and jerryls in the back and garden spots would soon make a wonderful difference. I confess I do not quite understand what he says about the stock-birdless districts, or how it could be done, except by insisting that the birds should be let alone during the breeding season. The plan of hanging little boxes with holes in them, which is so successful in the case of the continent, might, perhaps, be tried with advantage. I am told that you can be almost certain of get-

ting an owl that most useful of all birds—for a tenant, if you will only provide the convenience of a barrel stuck sideways in the fork of a big tree.

Congratulations to Mr. Arthur Roberts—don't all shout at once—upon his triumphant acquittal by the Stroud magistrates of the extraordinary charge of stealing his landlord's velvet slippers. Why anybody should be so stupid as to believe that the general Arthur would seriously contemplate the abstraction of other people's wearing apparel passes my comprehension. At first I thought the whole thing must be one of those peculiar jokes for which he is famous, and in which he takes such an abiding delight; but it seems to have been really a serious row, and Mr. Roberts is understood to be contemplating an action for malicious prosecution and all sorts of dreadful things. If you come to think of it, it is rather more funny than what if it had been intended as a joke.

## WIDE AWAKE.

**A PARISH OF CEMETERIES.**  
The petition of the inhabitants of Finchley in respect to the cemetery of the district formerly forwarded to official quarters. As is well known, Finchley has 3 very large cemeteries, which are owned by the parishes of Islington, St. Pancras, and Marylebone, and now the Finchley ratepayers are calling upon the Government to alter the law so that these burial grounds should be more adequately assessed. They claim that the district has suffered severely owing to the continual procession of funerals, 250 of which take place every day. This has a prejudicial effect on the value of the land not used for cemetery purposes, whilst the 3 cemeteries which have produced the revenue for the district are small sums to the local rates. They are only assessed at about 475, whereas, if they were assessed proportionately with the other land in the parish, their share towards the local rates would come to 220,000 or 230,000. A grievance with the ratepayers of Finchley is that the local authorities not only contribute practically nothing to the rates, but also charge double to bury the dead of Finchley. It is stated that the authorities of St. Pancras, Islington, and Marylebone have recognised the justice of the claim and will not oppose the demand of the Finchley ratepayers.

## YOUTH'S STRANGE ADVENTURE.

A youth, who has been ascertained to be the son of a bird fancier living in London, has become an inmate of the Norwich Hospital under singular circumstances. He cannot remember his name, address, or anything else except that he woke up one night in a room with a knife and fork, and in his pocket a single farthing ticket to Norwich, a town where he had no friends and to which he had never been before. Arriving at Norwich without a penny and finding his memory was still a blank, he presented himself at the house of a doctor and asked for something which would brace up his mind. An examination showed that his memory was dormant concerning everything in his history prior to his waking up in the train. He was sent to the hospital, and the police meantime communicated with the authorities at Scotland Yard. The youth's memory will probably be restored to his friends in a day or two.

## STABBING AT DARTFORD.

At Dartford, yesterday, John Smith was charged with wounding Thomas Brown with a knife. Brown, who was with stabbing Catherine Brown's wife—Brown stated that on the date named he met prisoner in a public-house at Orpington, where they drank together. They left, accompanied by Mrs. Brown, and proceeded towards Dartford through North Cray. They had a quarrel, and Smith pulled out a knife and stabbed Brown in the back. Brown was taken to hospital, and it was now getting dark. Previously prisoner had asked witness to allow him to carry his bag, which contained books, and he did so. As, however, he became suspicious of prisoner as they were going over Dartford Heath he told him to put the bag down. Prisoner refused, and they had a struggle together. Witness was knocked down, and felt the blood flowing down his face from a wound which prisoner had inflicted with a sharp instrument. Mrs. Brown also called that she had been stabbed, and prisoner ran away. He was, however, pursued and captured.—Committed for trial.

## CHILD MURDER.

At Fulham, last night, Mr. Drew held an inquest on a newly-born child, who was found dead in a house, doorstep at Castletown-rd., W. Kensington. It was wrapped in 2 newspapers, a horse rug, a calico apron, and the parcel was tied with a boot-lace. Round the child's neck and mouth a piece of calico was tied tightly with about 6 knots.—Dr. Wm. Haller, the coroner, has been dead 6 months, and was mummified. It was too far decomposed to allow of a post mortem examination, but the constriction round the neck was very suspicious. Something had also been forced into the throat.—The coroner said there could be no doubt that the child had been murdered.—Open verdict.

## DEATH FROM CAT BITE.

John Hetch, Worcester-st., Birmingham, was bitten on one of his hands by a stray cat which entered his house. The injury was inflicted shortly after Christmas, and Hetch went to the Queen's Hospital, where his hand was attended to, and he apparently recovered from the wound. A few days ago, however, he became very sick, and was again taken to the hospital and examined. It was then found that the unfortunate man was suffering from hydrophobia, and although carefully tended he died. Another man was bitten by the same cat.

## FELL DOWN THE WELL.

Mr. Hicks held an inquest at the Royal Patriotic Asylum, Wandsworth, last evening, on Violet Florence Stammer, 13, a pupil there. Deceased, who was the daughter of a sergeant of Royal Engineers, was skylarking on Wednesday evening on the landing outside the entrance to the building, when she fell down the well of the staircase, a distance of 60 ft. Curiously enough, no bones were broken, and she died from laceration of the brain.—Verdict, accidental death.

Last evening the Indian Famine Fund amounted to £496,000. Mr. George Gregory, head of a well-known firm of outside brokers, died at Crofton.

## LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

## HOME.

A gardener was married at the parish church, Kingston-on-Thames, and after the ceremony was found to be in an intoxicated state.

Ten men were injured at the Rochdale-rd. gasworks belonging to the Manchester Corporation by the explosion of a purifier.

The brigantine Darn, of Jersey, which left there for Rio on April 8th, returned, having been struck by heavy seas in the Bay of Biscay on 13th inst.

William Perkins, tailor, Bury, was fined 25 and costs, or 2 months, for illegally pawning a pair of trousers entrusted to him for repairs.

John Linton, 20, private in the Connaught Rangers, was charged at Sheffield with smashing plate-glass windows, value £20, and with theft. Committed for trial.

An inquest was held at Hove Dispensary last night on Preby, R. Shuttlesworth Sutton, 78, who died at that institution as the result of a fall. Verdict, accidental death.

A lad named McIntyre, while playing football in the street at Worcester, fell down, striking his head on the ground. He died without recovering consciousness.

John Board, gardener, Evesham, died in Worcester Infirmary under chloroform during an operation for cancer in the mouth.—The coroner's jury consented the doctors from blame.

The steamer Lorna Doone, from Cardiff with passengers, collided in the Avon with the tug Stormcock, near the Horse Shoe Bend. The tug was seriously damaged, and had to be run ashore.

At Coventry, Thos. Morgan was sentenced to 3 months for stealing a safety bicycle, value £15, the property of John Cox, journalist. The machine was stolen from the back of prosecutor's house.

An inquest was held at George Green, near Slough, on Ada Elizabeth Cellan. She was sitting by the fire when a boy named John Barton pulled a kettle of boiling water on to her. Verdict, misadventure.

A tradesman named Hopper, of Upnor, near Rochester, on awakening yesterday morning, was surprised to find his wife had left her bed, and, on going to her room, she was found drowned in the Medway.

Yesterday, at Kingston, James Bowers, carman, of Parkstone-rd., Peckham, was remanded on a charge of assaulting Elizabeth Vinson, at Thames Ditton, by striking her with his fist.

At South Shields an inquest was held on Margaret Isabel Foster, 47. Evidence showed that she had a terrible craving for gin, and although unable to get out of bed refused all food. Verdict, death from excessive drinking.

John Dabbs was remanded at Sedgley and handed over to Shropshire police charged with having committed an outrage on the person of Mary Ann Dabbs, of Kettley Bank, Oakengates. Prisoner absconded from Shropshire.

At Doncaster, Henry Streets, of Huddersfield, was charged with gaming. He had a crowd round him who were taking 1d. chances at throwing on squares. A constable deposed that he had 40 attempts and failed every time. Fined 10s.

At a meeting for the nomination of the Chester Executive Council in connection with the High Court of Foresters at Chester next year, Bro. B. Hulse, D.S. (Chester) was elected chairman, and Bro. Hawkins (London) secretary.

An inquest was held on George Grice, 34, who, whilst playing with other children in a brewery near Bishopstone, Hants, fell into a tub of boiling water, and was so severely scalded that he died. Verdict, accidental death.

At Whitless, John Chapman, 14, was remanded on the charge of wilful murder. It was alleged that prisoner, whilst employed threshing oats, struck a youth named M'Lachlan on the head with a fork, inflicting such injuries that he died a few hours later.

A young man, aged about 20, whose name the police authorities decline to state, was charged with the murder of a woman named M'Lachlan on the head with a fork, inflicting such injuries that he died a few hours later.

The Chesterfield magistrates sentenced 5 men each to 6 months' imprisonment with hard labour for robbing a train on the G. & N. When walking past the Hardwick Inn the P.C. was set upon by the prisoners, knocked down, and brutally kicked.

The body of a young man, apparently about 25, was found on the railway at Mickle Trafford, near Chester. The remains were shockingly mutilated, and the head completely severed from the body. A blood-stained razor was found in the pocket.

A fire occurred at a laundry at Toxteth Park, Liverpool. Mrs. Tomlinson, wife of the proprietor, was rescued from a window ledge, whither she had clambered with a child in her arms, and 4 other children were gallantly saved by the police.

## FOREIGN.

Sir D. Smith, Canadian High Commissioner, expects to return to England in a fortnight.—REUTERS.

It is reported from Baku that 2 large petroleum reservoirs belonging to Messrs. Rothschild are on fire.

The 19th International Artistic and Literary Congress was opened at Monte Carlo yesterday, in presence of the Prince and Princess of Monaco, by M. Ritt, the Governor.

Juan Tejada, one of the survivors of the ill-fated French steamer Ville de Saint Nazaire, which was lost a few weeks ago in a gale off Cape Hatteras, has now become a raving lunatic.

The reported capture of the stronghold of Gamsap, in Buchanaland, by the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Volunteers, has been confirmed.

Thirteen hundred horses and cattle were wounded.—REUTERS.

The Queen yesterday went for a drive to the heights of Aspremont. To-morrow there is to be a fête champêtre in front of the hotel at Cimiez, at which it is hoped H.M. will be present, and on Tuesday the Queen will visit Empress Eugenie.

At Warwick Board of Guardians, Mr. Gilbert, vice-chairman, proposed, and Lord Leigh seconded, that every adult in the union in receipt of outdoor relief should be given an extra half-crown in Jubilee week. The question was adjourned, and the Local Government Board will be referred to.

## WAR FORMALLY DECLARED AT MIDNIGHT.

## TURKISH MINISTER RECALLED.

## EDHEM PASHA ORDERED TO ADVANCE.

## APPEAL TO THE POWERS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 17, Midnight.—It is declared that, owing to the fresh incursion into Macedonia by the Greeks, war has broken out. The Council of Ministers, assembled at the Palace to-day, decided to recall Asim Bey, Turkish Minister at Athens, and to hand his passports to Prince Mavrogordatos, Greek Minister in Constantinople. The Ministers also resolved to send orders to Edhem Pasha to assume the offensive. This evening a circular was addressed to the Ottoman representatives abroad dealing in detail with the latest events pointing to the Greek incursion last week near Krania, and declaring that Greek troops took part in the fresh incursion. The circular expresses a hope that the Powers, in a spirit of justice, will agree that the entire responsibility for war rests with Greece. It declares, in conclusion, that Turkey has no idea of conquest, and that, as a fresh proof of her pacific sentiments, she is ready to withdraw her troops if Greece withdraws hers from the frontier and from Crete.

## REUTERS.

## LAST NIGHT'S TELEGRAMS.

Last night's telegrams indicated distinctly that the regular troops on both sides of the Greco-Turkish frontier had been engaged in conflict, and this, it has throughout been understood, would be regarded by Turkey as the signal for war. We subjoin the most important of yesterday's despatches:—

ATHENS, April 17, 2.10 p.m.—Details are now to hand of the very serious incident at Nerezos on the Macedonian frontier. It appears that the fighting commenced yesterday with an advance on the part of the Turkish troops to occupy a station which the Greek forces had abandoned. The officer in command of the Greek troops at once ordered his men to anticipate the movement and check the advance, and almost immediately both forces came into action. Sharp firing went on for 4 hours, and then dropped towards night, but to-day it was resumed. Artillery was used on both sides, and at length the Greek General ordered his men to advance. The troops moved forward under a sharp fire, and dislodged the Turks from several stations. This success caused the whole Turkish force in the vicinity to fall back. An official despatch just received here announces that the firing has ceased. Nothing definite is yet known of the losses.—CENTRAL NEWS.

## GREEK OFFICER WOUNDED.

ATHENS, April 17, Noon.—A telegram received from Larissa to-day confirms the report that there has been an engagement at Nerezos on the frontier. Official details are wanting, but it is stated that the Turks attacked the Greek post at Nerezos, and that in the fighting a Greek corporal was killed, and a sub-lieutenant wounded.

## TURKISH POST BLOWN UP.

ATHENS, April 17, Later.—Later particulars now received from Larissa state that the fighting at Nerezos commenced yesterday, in consequence of an attempt by the Turks to occupy an abandoned post. The Greeks opened this proceeding whereupon the Turks opened fire, and a sharp engagement lasting 4 hours ensued. The Turks eventually retreated. The number of killed and wounded is not known. At 5 o'clock this morning heavy firing was resumed. The Greeks had meanwhile recovered the post, and the Turkish post at Kotroni was blown up by dynamite, and it is reported that the Greeks have occupied 3 Turkish stations, and that the Turks are falling back. The Crown Prince and Gen. Macris were up at night dispatching orders to the front. When the above telegram left Larissa it was reported that the engagement had extended to the Greek posts to the left of Nerezos, but according to an official despatch the firing had ceased.

## A COUNCIL OF WAR.

ELASSONA, April 17, 8 a.m.—News has reached here that a Greek band has attacked the Turkish troops at Karyia, to the north-west of Nerezos, and that a Turkish officer and 2 men were wounded. Fighting was still going on when the message was dispatched. A council of war is now being held here.—REUTERS.

## WAR FEELING IN TREK.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 16.—A strong warlike feeling continues to be manifested in Turkish circles. The Ministers and the Sultan's entourage are in favour of war, as the only issue from the present situation, but His Majesty still hesitates to sanction the commencement of hostilities. Some political circles here the opinion prevails that the Powers would not be displeased at the outbreak of war between Turkey and Greece, as it would enable them to find a way out of the existing deadlock in Crete. No agreement has yet been arrived at among the Powers in regard to the basis of Cretan autonomy. Great Britain, France, Italy, and Russia favour an arrangement for Crete on the model of the former organic statute of Eastern Roumelia, while Germany and Austria-Hungary oppose this course. The grounds of their objections are not known, although it is understood that especially the latter two nations are not in favour of a settlement which would furnish the Macedonians with a precedent for demanding similar treatment. As a result of the recent councils of Ministers at Yildiz Kiosk, the Porte has sent an important circular to the Ottoman representatives abroad, referring to what it describes as the "intolerable state of affairs in Crete," and the continued shedding of Mussulman blood. The circular points out the irritation which the present situation is causing among the Mussulmans of the Empire, and declares that its continuance may exasperate the Mahomedans to such a pitch as to make it impossible for the

## PORTS ANY LONGER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT MAY OCCUR.—REUTERS.

## MORE FIGHTING.

ATHENS, April 17, 3 p.m.—Firing is reported to have begun again in the vicinity of Nerezos.—REUTERS.

A GREEK ASSAULT.—LARISSA, April 17.—The Turks were the first to open fire with their heavy guns at Analipkos, but the Greeks soon brought their artillery into action also, and a brisk cannonade ensued on both sides. Early in the day the Greeks shelled the Turkish post at Kotroni, and it was set on fire and destroyed. The guns were next turned on the Turkish blockhouses of Caravias, Saint Athanasios, and Katavias, but the express command of the Crown Prince, who did not attempt to carry these posts, but merely kept upon the defensive. No accurate information as to the number of killed and wounded on either side is yet obtainable. The Greeks assert that just before the fight began the Turks surprised and captured a Greek officer, who was going his rounds, and shot him.—DAILY MAIL.

## LYRIC THEATRE LAST NIGHT.

"The Daughters of Babylon" having, despite the stupor of its turbulence of its setting, fallen short of its expected success. Mr. Wilson Barrett has harked back upon, for a popular attraction, a series of revivals of plays—some of them prime favourites with his audiences, others with himself. In the latter category must be included "The Manxman," brought out as a holiday attraction last night, in which, though obtaining on its initial production a comparatively lukewarm acceptance, Mr. Barrett, as actor, was seen at his best. The expression by voice, face, and person of the frank, confident, simple-hearted sailor, wrecked by domestic affections by his most-trusted friend, developed a vein of quiet, homely pathos in this popular melodramatic actor, illusive in its unobtrusive simplicity and truth to nature. These histrionic qualities were again seen in the course of last night's revival of the leading play, an adaptation of Mr. Hall Caine's interesting but painfully morbid story, upon which Mr. Barrett may rely as an emotional magnet certain to draw the tears rather than the smiles of his impressionable holiday visitors.

## SHOCKING FULHAM STORY.

STRANGE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS.—Last evening, Mr. Drew held an inquest on a newly-born female child of a single woman named Turner, who had lived in her house with a man named Hannah for 6 weeks. She had one child, a year old, and, although she was expecting confinement at any moment, she had no preparation. Early on the previous Friday witness was called into the bedroom by Hannah and saw a newly-born child. The mother, who was sitting on a chair, said, "It's dead," and she was assured that it was dead. Hannah was dressing a doctor was sent for.—Thomas Hannah, lath splitter, an elderly man, said Turner, the mother of the child, was his housekeeper. He had 2 rooms, and sometimes they

occupied the same bed-room, when she would sleep on the sofa.—Was she living with you as your wife? No, sir.—Are you the father of this child? No, sir.—That's impossible.—Very well, how long she lived with you? Four or 5 months. She told me you was the father of the child.—Where did Turner sleep on the night the child was born? On the sofa in the same room with me. During the night she complained of pain, and she got up and dressed.—Was the child born? I expect so; I never looked. She told me the birth had taken place, but never said when.—Do you mean to say you were not living with her? Oh, no, my wife feared for her life, and she said, "Lillie," said he had known the parties a long time. Hannah got Turner out of the asylum where she was detained. She had 4 children, and one died in the workhouse.—Do you know if they were separate rooms?—Witness added that she was called after the birth, and at once went to a doctor.—Dr. Cooney, of West Kensington, said when called the woman was on the bed and had recently been confined. He saw the child. The mother

was very reticent, and declined to give him any information. A post mortem revealed a well-nourished body. There were indications that the child had breathed. Death was due to hemorrhage, but he could not say if there had been suffocation. No doubt that she existed, and she was immersed, but it might have died before.—James De Vianey, relieving officer, said after the woman was confined in Fulham Infirmary in June, 1894, she became insane, and had to be taken to a lunatic asylum. She made 3 attempts on the child and tried to strangle it.—Lydia Turner, the mother, said the child was born when she was alone. It did not cry or move, and she was too exhausted to do anything. She denied that Hannah was either her husband or her employer. She did live with him as his wife.—The coroner, in summing up, said he did not believe a word of the evidence of either Hannah or Turner.—The jury: Neither do we.—The coroner: The evidence of living was satisfactory and scandalous.—The jury returned an open verdict.

## A RAILWAY MYSTERY.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.—A mysterious occurrence is reported on the L.C. and D. Ry. between Adham and Bokesbourne. The ganger of platelayers, named Fox, and one of his men, were standing aside for the last train to pass, shortly before 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when a pistol was discharged by some one in the train, the bullet whizzing between the 2 men, but fortunately without injuring either of them. Steps were taken to discover who it was that fired the shot, but without result. The only theory that has been advanced is that a lady was the delinquent, since just before the occurrence one of the platelayers observed a lady looking out of a carriage window.

## PROFITABLE PAUPERS.

Lewisham is in the happy condition of having a larger workhouse than it at present requires.

The guardians of the latter union sent asking if they could accommodate some of the Islington inmates, and so, at a meeting of the Lewisham board held this week, it was decided to inform Islington that they could send a cost of 2s. per head per week. The result will be a net gain to Lewisham of about 2s. per head per week.

## OUR ILLUSTRATION OF THE NEW DEPTFORD THEATRE ON P. 7 IS FROM A PHOTOGRAPH BY MR. THANKFUL STURDIE, OF DEPTFORD.

## AVENUE THEATRE LAST NIGHT.

At the wild saturnalia of the long-absent abolished Greenwich Fair, the ribald laughter of the low rabble present at Richardson's Show used to be incited by a farce, the humour of which was dependent upon an exchange of trousers by two characters in face of the audience. Since the abolition in the interests of public decency of that vicious orgie, nearly fifty years ago, the disgusting incident here mentioned has never been repeated upon the English stage until last night, when, to the amusement of the best part of the audience in every sense, Mr. Arthur Playfair and Mr. W. H. Denny, both of whom have heretofore written for us as capable comedians, degraded their art, to say nothing of themselves, by actually



Kathleen. Mr. Bernard Vaughan. (Miss Kate Phillips). (Arthur Playfair). "What do you think of them?"

stripping to their drawers as characters in the 3-act farce entitled, "On Leave," which Mr. Fred Horner has adapted from the French original, "Le Surcouf." The farce, not once only, but twice was this offence committed, and in a piece moreover tasteless and vulgar alike as regards its extravagant plot and the stage extraneous, who move through it, puppets like nothing in nature, or even when every allowance is granted to farce, is made for them as mere caricatures of humanity. For that keenly intelligent young actress, Miss Esme Beringer, sympathetic commiseration was felt at seeing her playing the part of a loose woman, such as haunt Piccadilly at midnight, kissing every man she meets, if not openly at a price, then out of sheer unabashed wantonness. The plot rings the changes upon the stale old vicious tune of a husband going on an illicit adventure with the siren in question, and striving by deceit and misstatement to hide the marriage from his wife. The culprit, a solicitor in good practice, uses the fact

of his being compelled to serve his 21 days as private in the Militia as excuse for his illicit escapade with this loose companion, and it is the series of anomalous and impossible adventures in which he engages to change or conceal his identity which culminate in the revoltingly suggestive exposure, not only of the men in drawers, but of the woman, who, in the end, is seen to raise her petticoats as she sits before the men to the end that she may play temptress by a display of her feet and ankles, suggesting as Lord Byron wrote—"the more secret symmetry of the fair forms which terminate so well." To describe at any length the story of a piece so coarse in nature and so witless in expression would be a tax upon the reader's patience. The regret was that in addition to the popular players already mentioned such meritorious artists as Miss Kate Phillips, Miss May Talbot, and Miss Clara Jones, with Messrs. Beauchamp and Gilbert Farquhar, should waste their proven histrionic quality upon a piece, not only indecent, but vulgarly stagey. That loud guffaws greeted the indecent situations quoted in the scenes, strong as they were, could not be denied, but through such ribald shouts of boisterous laughter were heard sounds of dissent which would not be silenced. As a consequence in answer for a loud call for players and adapter, the former elected to appear, but the latter held aloof.

## WELL-KNOWN SINGER WED.

The Central News says Miss Lucille Hill, the well-known singer, daughter of the late Mr. Matthew, of Fenton, New Jersey, U.S.A., was yesterday married to Mr. James E. Nicholls of the British South Africa Co., who served in the Matabele War, under Col. Plumer, and also in the Mashona War as captain and aide-de-camp to Col. Alderson, of the Mounted Infantry.

At Bedford, Thomas Ferguson, innkeeper, Biggleswade, was fined £1 and costs for using an unlicensed measure to sell a refreshment, both at the recent Bedfordshire Hunt Steeplechases.

Frederick Lee, chemist, was charged at Barnsey with drunkenness. Defendant was found unconscious in the street, but revived after treatment. He alleged that after spending all yesterday drinking he was penniless, and, as a result, had to go to the workhouse, where he was given a pint of brandy, which disagreed with him.—Fined 2s. 6d.

## SAD SUICIDE. KENTAL AGONY AT A HUSBAND'S.

Last evening, Mr. Roumieu held an inquest in the dining-room of Lasewade House, near Chertsey, in the death of Mrs. Mary H. Webb, 45, wife of Mr. William Webb, of Lasewade House, formerly chairman of the Chertsey Urban District Council, who was found dead in a stream which runs close to the house.—Mr. Charles Dalley, of Clarence-st., Fulwell-rd., Upper Teddington, stated that the deceased was his sister. Witness last saw her alive on Monday when she seemed depressed about the absence of her husband, who went away on a job. He stated that he was going to Egypt. Since then his sister has not heard from him. On Sunday witness received a letter from deceased in which she said, "I do so wish William would come home to give you the statement." As far as witness knew she was in

## NO FINANCIAL TROUBLE.

—Emma Mills, housemaid, stated that deceased had been unwell for some time. On Wednesday she was lying on a sofa all day. On Thursday morning witness went to Mrs. Webb's room, but was unable to gain admission, owing to the door being locked.—Mr. James Webb, deceased's brother-in-law, stated that on Wednesday evening he called at Lasewade House. When he left Mrs. Webb asked if she would see him again that night, and he replied in the negative, and added that he should be there about 8 o'clock in the morning. On Thursday morning witness drove to Lasewade House, but on the way a stream which runs close to the house, and said that Mrs. Webb could not be aroused by the servant. He then went to the house, and ascertained that the deceased

## DOOR WAS LOCKED, AND THE KEY MISSING.

Thinking something was wrong he at once went to Messrs. Paine and Brettell, solicitors. The latter advised him to return with a doctor. Witness knew that it was a fact of common knowledge that the unexplained absence of her husband was causing deceased a great deal of trouble.—Supt. Hackman stated that when he arrived on the scene after a long search they found deceased in the stream, which runs through the grounds at a distance of about 20 yards from the house. She was in her nightdress and a pair of slippers.—Dr. Daniell stated that deceased was in constant trouble about her husband. When he called the remainder to him, "No, I never again: what shall I do?" The foreman of the jury stated that the jury were all well acquainted with the circumstances of the case. Mrs. Webb was deservedly popular in Chertsey, and her loss would be deplored by all. The coroner stated that there could be no doubt but that the deceased had been in great mental agony through the disappearance of her husband, the circumstances of which it was not their duty to inquire into.—Verdict, suicide whilst temporarily insane.

## ROYAL VISIT TO RAMSGATE.

The Duchess of Teck is to open a bazaar at Ramsgate in aid of the E. Kent Industrial Home on Wednesday. The home is a valuable institution for girls, founded and managed by Lady Rose Weigall, in the grounds of whose residence at Southwood House the bazaar takes place to-morrow. Being the first royal visit to Ramsgate since the Queen resided there before her accession, the town is making great preparations for the occasion. The E. Kent Yeomanry provides an escort, and the 1st Cinque Ports Artillery will furnish a guard of honour.

## EASTER HOLIDAYS.

THE EXODUS FROM LONDON YESTERDAY. In spite of a threatening sky, the exodus of Easter-day pleasure seekers from London yesterday was enormous. Inquiries made last evening show that thousands of excursionists left each of the principal rail termini during the morning and afternoon, a large proportion being bound for the continent and places at a distance. The arrangements made by the different companies in order to meet the heavy traffic are this year of an exceptionally extensive character. Apart from the railway trains, many and to-morrow are likely to be busy days upon the main highways leading to favourite resorts both inland and on the coast, for probably more cyclists will be in evidence than has ever previously been known on a bank holiday. To-morrow at least 100 athletic aspirants will be seen "padding the road" to Brighton among the number being several dandies in "bloomer" costume. Altogether the scene should prove lively. Of course, the light-tinged gentry were once more in evidence yesterday, and at one railway terminus 500 vehicles were paraded within an hour, while at another a lady in a bright dress, and other West-end thoroughfares. Several robberies from the person were reported quite early in the evening.

## ALLEGED CHEQUE FRAUDS.











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